

12. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) has a coating of a material, in particular diamonds, which is harder in comparison with the cutting material of the blade (7, 10, 11, 12).

13. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'') with the aid of a curable adhesive.

14. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'') with the aid of a soldering material.

15. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'') by means of welding, and in particular ultrasound welding.

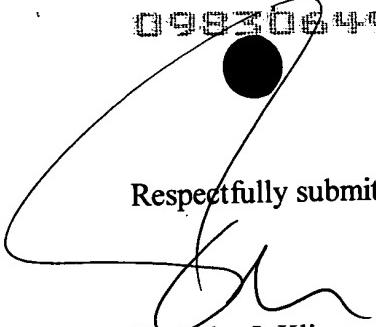
16. (Amended) The machine knife in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that for the releasable connection between the knife support (1, 1', 1", 1'') and the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4''), respectively a threaded bore (5) in the knife support (1, 1', 1", 1''), a pass-through bore (6), which is aligned with it and whose entry is widened, as well as screw means, which can be embedded in a flat and flush manner in the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4''), are multiply provided.

#### REMARKS

The preliminary amendments made herein are to remove multiple dependencies from the claims.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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## APPENDIX

### (Claims With Markings To Show Changes Made)

5. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 4], characterized in that the blade (7) has been embedded in a lock seam (8) on the free end of the blade holder (4).
7. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 4], characterized in that the blade (10) has been embedded in a groove (9), which extends slightly inclined in respect to the surface of the blade holder (4').
8. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 4], characterized in that at the knife tip the blade holder (4", 4'") is recessed in respect to the knife support (1", 1'") and is shaped in such a way that the blade (11, 12) covers the blade holder (4", 4'") over its full height and forms a contact face (13) used for support in relation to the cutout (3).
11. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 10], characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) has been selected from ceramic material.
12. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 11], characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) has a coating of a material, in particular diamonds, which is harder in comparison with the cutting material of the blade (7, 10, 11, 12).
13. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 12], characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'") with the aid of a curable adhesive.
14. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 12], characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'") with the aid of a soldering material.
15. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 12], characterized in that the blade (7, 10, 11, 12) is connected with the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'") by means of welding, and in particular ultrasound welding.

16. The machine knife in accordance with claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 15], characterized in that for the releasable connection between the knife support (1, 1', 1", 1'") and the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'") respectively a threaded bore (5) in the knife support (1, 1', 1", 1'"), a pass-through bore (6), which is aligned with it and whose entry is widened, as well as screw means, which can be embedded in a flat and flush manner in the blade holder (4, 4', 4", 4'"), are multiply provided.